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World-Wide Ticker

Edited by JERRY KRISKA

PARIS from **BERN REDMONT**
Waverley Root, Washington Post, longtime OPCer, was elected president for 1967 of the Anglo-American Press Association of Paris, organization of all accredited American and British news correspondents.

Wave won election while bedridden with a slipped disk.

Curtis Prendergast, Time-Life, another OPCer, was elected American vice-president, and **Harold Sieve**, Daily Telegraph, British vice-president.

Eric Hawkins, editor emeritus of NY Herald-Tribune-Washington-Post European edition, was re-elected secretary; **Morrill "Bill" Cody**, Radio Liberty, re-elected treasurer; and **Alain de Lyrot**, Reader's Digest, elected syndic (liaison officer), to replace **Paul Archinard**, who died during the year.

American members of the executive committee include **Don Cook**, LA Times; **Preston Grover**, AP; **David Mason**, AP; and **Henry Tanner**, NY Times.

Outgoing prexy **Robin Smyth**, of Daily Mail, delivered an amusing annual report reminiscent of **Robert Benchley**, expressing gratitude for a year "singularly empty of wild happenings" and not requiring the bailing out of any members after police bludgeoned them into jail while covering street demonstrations, as had occurred years ago.

Newsman here have spent a busy December with the official visit of Soviet Premier **Alexei Kosygin** and annual Ministerial conference of NATO. The Kosygin visit brought in from Moscow **Robert J. Korengold**, Newsweek, and several London-based correspondents.

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International Freedom of Press Year In 1968 Proposed by OPC President

An International Freedom of the Press Year in 1968 was proposed by OPC President **Victor Riesel**. Riesel, at the dinner honoring publisher **Williams Randolph Hearst Jr.**, **Bob Con-sidine** and **Milton Kaplan**, said "We have had International Years dedicated to science, human rights and postage stamps. But we have never had a year dedicated to the one area upon which liberty itself is built: freedom of the press.

"There is no more propitious moment to consider such an International Year than when we find the press under attack in the United States, Brazil and even among our allies in South Viet Nam."

Riesel said in an interview after the dinner that "There is no greater moment to launch this drive for an International Freedom of the Press Year than a dinner honoring the Hearst Task Force. They have demonstrated that no matter where the newsmakers are, no matter the ob-

stacles in getting the news out, they will do the job in the best tradition of a free press."

Riesel said that as a prelude to an International Freedom of the Press Year, an international conference, either in New York City or Washington, D.C. should be called to work out a full freedom of the press agenda with every press club throughout the world sending delegates from their own Freedom of the Press Committees.

Riesel said that he would soon ask that the UN and the appropriate legislatures of the world, including the Congress of the United States, initiate such an International Freedom of the Press Year "so that we can focus in ceremonies throughout the year the role of the Overseas Press Club of America and the press of the free world in particular, in the fight for the right of correspondents to collect the news and for newspapers to publish this news unfettered."

65 NEWSMEN REQUEST OKAY TO TRAVEL TO N. VIET NAM

BY JESSIE STEARNS

WASHINGTON — Hanoi will fast replace the White House press room if the 65 correspondents who have requested validation of their passports for travel North Viet Nam are admitted.

After State Department validates a passport the reporter must obtain a license from Treasury Department, which is issued to recognized newsmen.

Mrs. **Margaret Swartz**, foreign assets office of Treasury, says many of the li-

censes are being issued to news agencies instead to individual reporters.

A State Department spokesman advises they have granted permission to U.S. Embassies in Paris, Hong Kong and Moscow to validate recognized newsmen passports.

However, the "joker" is getting a visa from Hanoi. North Viet Nam has embassies in Paris, Moscow, Algiers, and Phnom Penn (Cambodia). About the

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Covered.



In The Bulletin. The newsman's world. From top correspondents all over it.

Athens

Al Wagg, Wagg Pictures

Belgrade

Joe Peters, McGraw-Hill, NBC

Berlin

Gary Stindt, NBC Bureau Chief

Bonn

Russell Braley, New York Daily News

Brussels

H. Peter Dreyer, Journal of Commerce

Buenos Aires

Percy Forster, Hearst Headline Service

Cairo

Mike Sullivan, Business Week

Caracas

Martin R. Reynolds, UPI

Copenhagen

Per K. B. Amby, freelance

Frankfurt

Phil Whitcomb, Macnens

Geneva

Andrew Borowiec, The Washington Star

Hong Kong

Dave Roads, McGraw-Hill

Honolulu

James F. Cunningham, The Honolulu Advertiser

Istanbul

Anne Turner Bruno, freelance

Leopoldville

Don Carl Steffen, freelance

London

James Picton, freelance, ABC
Dan Smith, International Management

Madrid

Enrique Meneses, Fotopress

Manila

Carlos Angeles, author, Pan American Airways

Mexico City

Jaime Plenn, UPI

Miami (Caribbean)

Merwin Sigale, ABC

Montreal

J. Patrick Finn, freelance

Moscow

Scott Bruns, UPI

Munich

David Grozier, Radio Free Europe

New Delhi

Joe McGowan, AP Bureau Chief

Panama

Crede Calhoun

Paris

Bernard Redmont, Westinghouse Broadcasting

Rio de Janeiro

Eileen MacKenzie, McGraw-Hill, Time

Rome

Sam'l Steinman
A.R. McElwain

Saigon

Beverly Deepe

San Francisco

J. Q. Riznik

Santiago

Martin P. Houseman, UPI

Santurce

Horst Buchholz, Young & Rubicam

Sydney

Peter Harvey, Newsweek

Vienna

Fred Baer, McGraw-Hill

Washington

Jessie Stearns, Topeka Daily Capital

OPC SURVEY TO STUDY OVERSEAS CORRESPONDENT

A study of the foreign correspondent which will include his attitude toward his job, his "home office," and his colleagues is being undertaken by the Overseas Press Club, President *Victor Riesel* announced today. Five hundred overseas members of the OPC will take part in the survey through a detailed questionnaire being airmailed to OPCers in foreign stations this week.

This is believed to be the first time that any depth study has been attempted which will evaluate the job satisfactions of the overseas reporter in all media. The results of the questionnaire will be published in *The Bulletin* and distributed also to newspaper executives throughout the world. To assure objectivity an outside organization will analyze the returns and draw up conclusions of the findings. OPCers answering the poll are assured of complete anonymity.

In a letter accompanying the survey, President Riesel appealed to OPCers abroad to cooperate in providing the answers to the four-page questionnaire so that the results would adequately reflect the true attitudes of the correspondents.

FLETCHER DIES

Arthur Fletcher, who during World War II was with the American Broadcasting Station Europe and a VOA correspondent in London, died at age 68, Jan. 1 at his home in White Plains, N.Y.

At the time of his death, Fletcher was president of Fletcher Associates and of World Wide Press Service in New York.

Two American Artists In Current OPC Exhibit

Two important American artists are represented in the current exhibition of paintings for members and guests in the OPC Dining Room at the Clubhouse.

The six colorful and representational paintings are on loan through the Hirschl & Adler Galleries, of 21 East 67th St.

Arbit Blatas has two oils on view, "Still Life With Fruit" and a cityscape of "Nice." Lilian Mackendrick is showing a pastel, "Two Cedars," and three oils, "Narcissus and Anemones," "Head of a Woman, Black Lace Scarf" and "The Studio."

The exhibition has been arranged by *L.E. Levick*, OPC art chairman, under auspices of the House Operations Committee.

NEW YORK SCENE

Bistro 'Honor Night' for Yolen

Thurs., Jan. 19 — Bistro Party honoring Will Yolen. 5:30 p.m.

Among the latest distinctions for *Will Yolen* is his selection as the first subject in a series of Bistro "Honor Nights" to recognize outstanding work for the Club by some of its members. Being noted in particular is Yolen's long stewardship in behalf of the Club as president, first vice president (two terms), secretary (five terms), board member (three terms), and as chairman of numerous committees. The latter category includes the Publishing Committee, now putting out its fifth book under the OPC imprimatur. The reason (or at least the excuse) for the observance is Yolen's retirement from Hill & Knowlton — though he will continue as a consultant. Bistro Chairman *Will Oursler* notes that Yolen will now "devote his life to good works, including himself." Please make reservations.

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Fri., Feb. 3 — "Shakespeare in Opera and Song," with the Metropolitan Opera Studio. 4:30 p.m.

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Thurs., Feb. 9 — Book Night, "Blueprint for Peace", with author Richard Gardner, adviser to the US United Nations delegation. Cocktails 6:30 p.m., dinner, 7:30.

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Mon., Feb. 20 — Luncheon, with Eugene Rostow, consultant to the Undersecretary of State for Political Affairs, discussing NATO and East-West trade. 12:30 p.m.

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Thurs., Feb. 23 — Dinner or Luncheon (time to be announced) with Judge Harold R. Medina, discussing the NY Bar Association report on freedom of the press in covering court matters.

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All reservations not cancelled 24 hours in advance will be charged to members' accounts.

WORLD-WIDE TICKER

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The NATO conference, probably the last that will be held in Paris, attracted the following London or Bonn-based newsmen: Arthur Gavshon, AP, **Joseph Grigg**, Wellington Long, and Karol Thaler, UPI; Stuart S. Smith, Baltimore Sun; William H. Stoneman, Chicago Daily News; Anthony Lewis, NY Times, Henry Simmons, Newsweek; Joseph Fromm, US News & World Report; Anatole Shub, Washington Post; George Sherman, Washington Star; Elie Abel, NBC. Briefings were handled by Richard Phillips for State Dept. and **Arthur Sylvester** for Defense, with assists from Nick King, Vincent Joyce and Jim Rentschler.

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Whitman Bassow, ex-Newsweek, sailed for NY after writing narration for NBC color documentary on Leningrad produced by George Vicas. It's skedded for TV viewing on March 27.

Recent trippers: **Don Cook**, LA Times, to Spain and Israel; Bernard Nossiter, Washington Post, to Spain; **Joel Blocker**, Newsweek, to Sweden.

Flora Lewis Gruson setting in to new

assignment in Paris, doing syndicated column for Newsday and magazine pieces for Sunday NY Times.

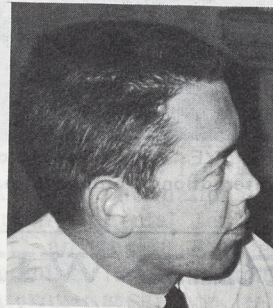
SYDNEY . . . from PETER HARVEY

Fought basically on the alliance with the US, November's federal elections resulted in a resounding victory for new boy Prime Minister Harold E. Holt — and in a crushing defeat for the Labor Party and its aging leader, Arthur Calwell. The election's importance lies, mainly, in the fact that Harold Holt's "Towards America, into Asia" credo has been supported in the most emphatic terms by Australians. As newsmen in Sydney and Canberra see it, the way is now clear for Holt to emphasize his nation's thrusting towards closer ties with the US, and a deeper and firmer involvement with Asia and Pacific nations and affairs.

Life's Pacific bureau chief, Ken Gouldthorp, off home to New York for a few weeks over the Christmas-New Year period. The first issue of Life Australia is due to hit the stands in March . . . undoubtedly Ken and his attractive wife are making the most of this period of relaxation.

McGowan Will File For The Bulletin From New Delhi

Joe McGowan, Jr., Associated Press bureau chief in New Delhi, has been named as India correspondent for the *Bulletin*.



McGowan recently was appointed AP bureau chief to succeed *Conrad Fink*, who transferred to New York. He also succeeds Fink as *Bulletin* correspondent. His AP responsibilities include di-

recting news coverage in India, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Ceylon and Nepal.

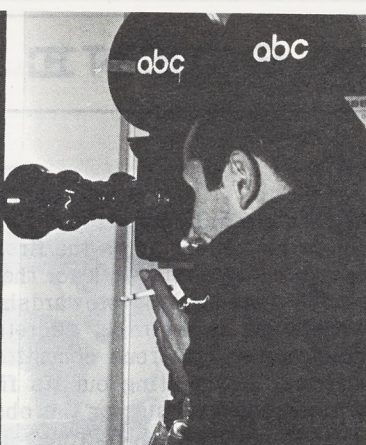
He is a 10-year AP veteran, having served in Cheyenne, Wyo., Miami, Fla., and New York. While in Florida he covered several of the manned space shots and top stories in Latin America, including the Kennedy-MacMillan summit meeting in Nassau and President Kennedy's trip to Costa Rica. A highlight of his Latin coverage was a trip to Cuba in December, 1962, when he was given a tour of Havana by Fidel Castro, then permitted to travel at will in Cuba for one week.

As *Bulletin* correspondent, McGowan will file background stories on news coverage and news about correspondents serving in India.

South Viet Nam's Premier Ky is due to arrive in Sydney later this month — and Canberra is already in a mammoth security flap. Premier Ky — invited to Australia by Prime Minister Holt while both were attending last year's Manila Peace Talks — is not exactly the most popular of men Down Under. His fancy dress, revolvers on the hip et al, stick in the craw of most Aussies and the way things are shaping, Ky will be a lucky man to survive his four day swing through three Australian states without being the focal point of massive demonstrations. As his arrival looms, pressmen all over the Pacific and Asia are readying to move into Australia to cover his tour — I'm tipping that there will, at least, be no shortage of good color copy.

Also due in Australia soon is John Steinbeck. Steinbeck is to tour Australia and New Zealand as part of his Asian and Far East writing odyssey for Newsday.

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SMILE FOR THE RED EYE: ABC's Berlin correspondent Russ Jones tapes a segment for a documentary about international broadcasting, using Radio Free Europe headquarters in Munich as setting.

WORLD-WIDE TICKER

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FYI all OPCers: the Sydney Journalists' Club has again stressed that its doors are open to visiting OPCers 24 hours a day — an offer well worth availing oneself of.

MEXICO CITY. from JAIME PLENN

New president of Foreign Correspondents Association is **John Alius**, UPI zone manager. Others elected are: Juan Nolan, NY World Journal Tribune, vice-president; Gradimir Marinkovic, radio and TV of Yugoslavia, secretary; Bruce Gross, McGraw-Hill World News, treasurer; Tony Halik, NBC-TV News, club manager. Other candidate for president was **Daniel James**, Newhouse newspapers. Outgoing president, Rafael Delgado Lozano, Life en Espanol, becomes a member of the new board under the by-laws.

Ruben Salazar, LA Times, took off on a prolonged assignment to Guatemala. . . . Paul Finch moved in as zone manager for AP, replacing **Morris Rosenberg**,

transferred to Paris . . . Sidney Wise was named Wall Street Journal correspondent. He also represents the London Times and Washington Star.

Bert Quint, CBS News, is on working tour of South America starting in Buenos Aires. Quint's father, former AP staffer, and wife are visiting here . . . Francisco Galindo Ochoa, PR man for Mexican president, was honored with buffet given by Foreign Correspondents Association. He was presented with a silver tray.

Recent press club visitors: Film director John Sturges and actors Robert Ryan and Bob Phillips; Robert L. Meyer, of Carl Byoir & Associates; **Robert W. Gibson**, LA Times; Seven Barre, Hughes Aircraft; M.R. Hanlon and Gene Alima of The Canadian Magazine, Toronto; Liston M. Oak, retired correspondent; Joe Werne and Ena Naunton, Miami Herald; Patrick Owens, Detroit Free Press; Jane and Wee Risser, NBC-TV, Dallas; Joe Crowther, of Philadelphia Inquirer.

Letters

DON'T CUT IT

I feel I must take exception with an item that appeared in your letters column of Dec. 24/31 headed "Cut the *Bulletin*."

As a correspondent member based overseas I feel that *The Bulletin* is one of my strongest information links with home and it is through *The Bulletin* that I feel much closer not only to the OPC Press Center in New York but to all the people that I know and value as friends in this field of journalism.

The Bulletin is truly one of the major links that all of the overseas based members of the Overseas Press Club enjoy, and it really frightens me to think that somebody would actually think about cutting it or reducing its scope. In a

wave of economic shearing, why not raise the dues of the non-correspondent associate members who live in the New York City area. *Maynard Frank Wolfe*

Globe Photos, Hong Kong

BULLETIN 'VITAL'

As our Club *Bulletin* begins another year of publication, I should like to express a full measure of appreciation to the editor and staff. This vital communications link for our membership is often taken for granted. But our metropolitan area members — let alone those at the ends of the earth — depend on this chronicle of important Club news and events.

Attempts may be made to cut back on publication "for economic reasons." Before that ever happens, Club members should exert themselves to enlarge its

TOP TRAVEL EDITOR

By BETTY ETTER

"Getting there is half the fun," says **Richard Joseph**, and as travel editor of *Esquire* for the last 20 years, author of six books on travel and of a syndicated newspaper column for the last seven, who should know better? And though he originated the phrase back in 1953, it was never truer, he says now, than of the OPC Charter Flight, scheduled to take off from Brussels on May 17 and return, from London, a month later. In fact, he says, for this flight he might up the percentage.

Sitting in the Club bar over coffee one morning last week, he ticked off the fringe benefits that make the OPC flights "unique" in a field crowded with charter and non-charter flights.

Chief among them he listed the special services and amenities laid on for news people: the party atmosphere aboard the TWA plane from the moment it takes off from Kennedy airport. While a specially alerted crew hustles around, dispensing all the booze anyone can drink and serving a de luxe dinner usually reserved for Royal Ambassador passengers only, the OPCers can visit their pals up and down the aisles of the purposely uncrowded plane, gather in the lounge and examine the contents of the bag of toiletries and the ballpoint pens thoughtfully placed on each seat. Later on, they can slip into their red slipper sox, courtesy of TWA, and watch a movie. By the time John Wayne has done in the bad guys, it's dawn in Western Europe, and a cup of coffee and a pastry later, they are preparing to land, with TWA representatives on hand to make everything easy.

For members of the OPC flight, customs formalities in Europe are kept at a minimum, transportation into town (part of the inclusive cost of the flight) is easy; and painlessly, except maybe for

scope, to move forward not backward. The amazing quality of college alumni publications should challenge us all at this Press Center of the World. Those members who have influence with large advertisers or ad agencies should use that influence to beef up the finances of our beloved *Bulletin*. The same advertisers appear issue after issue. New ones would come if the right Club members did the right missionary work in the right places. *Edward L. Brennan*

New York

CAN'T DO WITHOUT IT

I don't believe OPC could function without *The Bulletin*. Certainly the Charter Flights, OPC Building Campaigns, in fact any big Club project could not get off the ground without it.

Madeline D. Ross, New York

EDITOR CALLS OPC FLIGHTS FOR NEWSMEN 'UNIQUE'

an occasional hangover, the OPCers are soon in their hotel rooms. Come evening, there will be this year, as always, a cocktail party at which the members of the group get a chance to meet local press, make whatever contacts they may need, and drink for free. Then each member is off on his own, to gather a month later in London, at another party, with more gifts, before the flight home. And that's still another party, with old and new friends. Many a fast friendship, says Committee Chairman *Madeline D. Ross*, has been made on the Charter Flights.

Actually, of course, as Dick Joseph pointed out, the special treatment begins long before the take-off. Once a member has signed up, it begins to look like Christmas around his house or office. Flight bags arrive, and TWA booklets with all sorts of information re the countries to be visited. Special background information and literature seems to arrive in practically every mail. And the trip to Kennedy Airport from New York's East Side terminal is also included in the over-all cost of the flight.

Pooled luggage, Dick Joseph thinks, is another fringe benefit for news folk, who can take along their cameras, tape recorders, typewriters, or even a few extra pairs of shoes, without getting nicked for being over-weight. (He warns, however, that members who expect to fly between one city and another in Europe are on their own in the over-weight department. While OPC flight bags carry a lot of weight, it's not *that* much.) But almost anything the most inveterate shopper wants to bring home, short of a vintage Rolls-Royce — and who can afford one? — can be toted home free of extra poundage charges.

He waxes enthusiastic, too, about the Shannon stopover, an extra which

gives members a chance to do their last-minute shopping, pick up a bottle of Irish whiskey (free) and a gift of Waterford glass, drink Irish whiskey (on the cuff) and be piped to and from the aircraft. And you've got to admit that doesn't happen every day! To facilitate the shopping, Shannon catalogues are being sent this year to members who have signed up for the flight so he (or more usually she) will have a chance to case the shopping situation ahead of time. Dick, whose travel writing keeps him hopping across the Atlantic, says that prices have been lowered in Shannon and that, even with the US duty for all liquor over the allowable part, it's still cheaper to buy it there.

The flight is the sixth by Madeline Ross and all of them have been highlighted by on-the-cuff extras. There have been free trips to Berlin and Ireland and Israel, an audience with the Pope, and this year there is to be a two-day tour of Belgium for the first 30 members who sign up. *Gordon Gilmore*, vice-president of TWA in charge of public relations and the senior PR man in US airlines, hopes to be aboard. As Dick Joseph said, members who go on the flight "will be buying a lot of experience."

Getting down to the economics of the trip, he explained that with the new, lower airline fares, a 16-21-day round trip, group fare to and from Brussels is \$331. This, he said, comes to a transportation cost of \$15-16 a day, whereas the 30-day OPC flight is roughly \$10 per day for transportation. And that's without such extras as the free transportation to and from the airports (\$1.75 in New York), the movies (\$2.50 a head), the special flight bags, the booklets (50 cents each) and the gifts, the parties and the de luxe treatment. Once in Brussels, he added for budget-conscious

travelers, members can be as de luxe or as economical as they please.

Dick Joseph set down his coffee cup and prepared to take off for the West Coast, then on to Hawaii, and back to Texas before, after a few days at home, he'd be off to some other far-away spot. And he sighed. "I wish I weren't traveling so much in the line of duty. Otherwise I'd sure be on this trip."

Due to attrition, places are still available on the Charter. These may be reserved by sending a \$10 non-refundable registration fee and a down payment of \$85 a seat. Checks should be made out to OPC Charter Travel. The flight leaves Kennedy International Airport via TWA Intercontinental Jet the evening of May 17, arriving in Brussels the following morning. It returns from London (with a stopover at Shannon, Ireland) on June 18.



EDITOR JOSEPH: OPC flyers get special treatment.

DUES EQUAL SUBSCRIPTION

To comment on the letters of *J. J. Wurzel* and *O. H. P. King* in the issue of 12/24: Opie's letter forcefully reminded me again of why I still retain my OPC membership after only two visits to your building in two decades.

The Bulletin is the whole reason. I consider by dues solely as a subscription to *The Bulletin* and so, I suspect, do most of us out of New York City.

If there is any doubt you might offer two classes of membership: *Bulletin* Memberships and Building Memberships. Perhaps by charging separately you might get a clearer idea of your entire membership's desires on which way to weight the budget.

George Herman
Washington, D.C.

CROCKETT THANKS

I take this means of thanking the unusually large number of friends who have remembered me at Christmastime and to wish them the happiest of new years.

Albert Stevens Crockett
New York

DISPUTES WILHELM

John Wilhelm's letter (Bulletin 12/10/66) correctly deplores a "woeful lack of information about our building." But his "facts" are fictions, compounding the misinformation, as follows:

FICTION ONE: "We get the building essentially free."

To the \$36,000 annual rental which OPC pays the Correspondents Fund as

landlord, Wilhelm neglected to add these building-occupancy costs: real-estate taxes (\$21,000); insurance (\$4,500); water and sewer taxes (\$2,500); heating, lighting, maintenance and repair (\$25,000). Total cost to OPC is therefore not \$36,000 yearly but \$89,000.

Wilhelm is mistaken, too, about the rent we get from tenants. The gross is not \$54,000. It's nearly \$60,000. BUT this shrinks after housekeeping costs to a net of only \$22,000. Subtract \$22,000 net income in rental from \$89,000 in gross building charges, and the cost of riding Wilhelm's 11-story, "air-conditioned" (?) white elephant comes to \$67,000 in real money out of members' pockets. So we don't "get the building essentially free," not quite.

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FICTION TWO: "The Club cannot sell the building and get the money from the sale."

This is like saying that weather is a good thing and we ought to have more of it. The building *can* be sold by the Fund, *for a profit*. Our 99-year lease from the Fund *can* be waived by mutual consent. Donors to the original building-fund drive did not contribute to a specific address but to a World Press Center and OPC headquarters. Both of these great institutions may disappear entirely unless they move into a more viable building which will insure their survival.

FICTION THREE: "It is not the building that is causing the Club any financial problems anyway."

It is *only* the building that is causing the financial problems. Our food and beverage operations consistently are in the black. The dead weight is the building, with 15 maintenance people, four frontdesk people who have to work as much for tenants as for members, plus a catering service which clutters the place with strangers but is compulsory to keep us out of hock. Basic annual payroll for these irrelevancies is over \$300,000, with \$40,000 more for fringe benefits. Meanwhile, members have no agreeable place to read a newspaper in a shabby 60-year-old barn which hopelessly needs massive repair and refurbishing.

All kinds of possible transfers exist: into a rising midtown office or hotel building, a rebuilt town house, a

new small building tailored for us, etc. Prime midtown rentals are available — to OPC — at \$6 per square foot; 20,000 sq. ft. would be ample for Club and Press Center. Total annual rental: \$120,000 — and no taxes, no maintenance, no repair, no staggering payrolls. Where Wilhelm gets his minimum midtown rental of \$235,000 is known only to him. New, sensible quarters would take OPC out of the tenancy and catering businesses. Food and beverage operations *for members and guests only* would continue to make a profit.

Best of all, we would have us an attractive private club again, not an annex to Bryant Park and the Grand Central Station. We would retrieve prestige, status, cordiality of atmosphere — and audiences of Club members for newsmaking, income-producing events. For three years the Long-Range Planning Committee has been quietly researching real-estate values and combinations, careful to avoid any commitments. For three years the Committee has been trying to get an okay just to prepare an out-and-in package deal for consideration of Board, Fund and Club. Inertia on the top policy-making level — and the kind of "facts" put out by the Wilhelm white elephant society — have paralyzed all forward steps so far.

Hal Lehrman, Vice President
Chairman, Long-Range Planning Comm.

WILHELM REPLIES

Any journalism student can see what Mr. Lehrman has done. He has added maintenance and repairs, for example, to the basic rent although this charge includes such items as kitchens and dining room equipment, repair of plumbing, rugs, cleaning, and other services. These would go against any restaurant and bar operation as operating expenses and should be charged there — not against the building.

The fact remains that we pay \$36,000 rent and we take in, by his admission \$60,000.

If we did get the Club into such minuscule premises as he suggests, for an annual rent of \$120,000, where would he get this annual rent? If we can't pay \$36,000, or even his own figure of \$89,000, how can we pay \$120,000? And who pays for moving, alterations, new furnishings etc?

Incidentally, the *Joseph Wurzel*, who endorsed my letter, did not give his title as his letter was a personal one, but he happens to be president of the Correspondent Fund, who owns the present building and leases it to the Club.

John Wilhelm

Membership

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

ASSOCIATE

HALLIE SOUTHGATE BURNETT — Freelance, New York, New York. Proposed by *Will H. Yolen*; seconded by *James Sheldon*.

NEW MEMBERS ACTIVE

Arnold R. Isaacs — Latin American Correspondent, The Baltimore Sun, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Joseph A. McGowan, Jr. — Chief of Bureau, Associated Press, New Delhi, India.

Michael T. Malloy — Chief Correspondent for Southeast Asia, UPI, Bangkok, Thailand.

ASSOCIATE

Mario Albertazzi — Editor, Il Progresso Italo Americano, New York, New York.

Howard H. Babcock — Manager, Information Services, Radio Corporation of America, Cherry Hill, New Jersey; (F) UPI.

Joan Marie Bucks — Political Writer, Ft. Lauderdale News and Sun-Sentinel, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.

Harry Hershfield — Columnist, Jewish Press, New York, New York.

Daniel P. O'Connor — Manager, News Programs, National Broadcasting Company, New York, New York.

Don V. Ruck — Director of PR, The National Hockey League, New York, New York; (F) Hartford Courant, New Haven Journal-Courier, New Haven Register.

Gerald L. Stiebel — Foreign Affairs Editor, Research Institute of America, New York, New York.

Patricia Tucker — Information Officer, East Central Florida Regional Planning Council, Titusville, Florida.

Henry Viscardi, Jr. — President, Abilities, Inc., Albertson, New York; (F) Mutual Broadcasting System.

Harold E. Whipple — Director of Administration, Interscience Publishers, John Wiley & Sons, New York, New York; (F) The Washington Post, Science World Magazine, Consumer Reports Magazine.

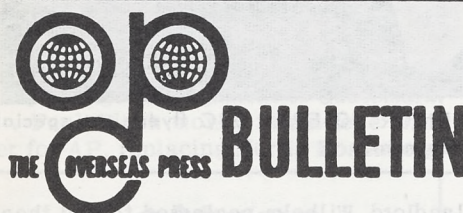
BIGART TO JUDGE ASIA AWARD

Homer Bigart of *The New York Times* has joined the committee of judges for the OPC's new Asia Award, according to Awards Chairman *Whit Burnett*.

STARK'S SON DIES

Marine Capt. Michael Salisbury Stark, son of Lt. Col. *Richard Stark*, was killed last week in a mid-air collision at the Naval Air Base at Chase Field, Beeville, Tex.

Stark, 25, has been a flight instructor at the base.



Bulletin Committee Chairmen:
Alton Kastner **David Resnick**
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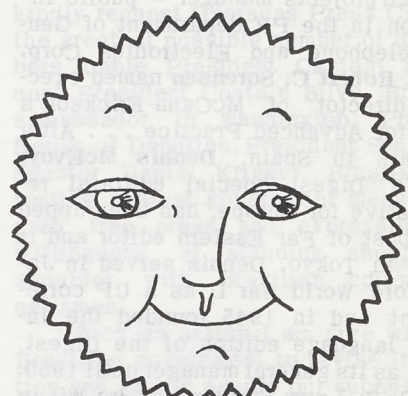
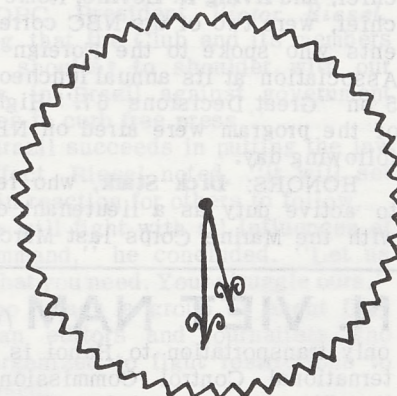
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PEOPLE & PLACES

By BETTY ETTER

ON THE GO: **Nino Lo Bello** is back at his Vienna base after a swing through the Crimea and a ride down the Danube to Yalta. Herald Trib/Washington Post in Paris is using the travel piece in a special "Gateway to the East" number. . . . **Dave Forbert** of Image International off Jan. 14 on advertising and editorial assignments that will take him into most Asian countries . . . NBC newsmen **David C. Horowitz** paid a brief New Year's visit to New York to film a special report on air pollution in New York for KNBC-TV, Los Angeles . . . **Harrison Forman**, in El Salvador for New Year's, postcards that it seemed as if the whole country erupted at midnight, with millions of firecrackers set off to welcome 1967 . . . **Rosellen Callahan Welti** is off to Venezuela to report on new tourism developments for Editorial Enterprises Syndicate and Bride and Home Magazine.

CHECKING IN: **Jonge Eduardo Saler** from Argentina.

NEW POSTS: **Ian Moffitt**, based in New York for the last three years as NY editor of News Ltd. of Australia, has returned to Sydney as a national feature writer for The Australian and stringer for US publications . . . **Jacques Nevard** leaving the NY Times to become deputy commissioner of police in NY in charge of press relations . . . **Arthur M. Merims** appointed projects manager — public information in the PR department of General Telephone and Electronics Corp. . . . **Dr. Robert C. Sorensen** named executive director of McCann-Erickson's Center for Advanced Practice . . . After 14 years in Spain, **Dennis McEvoy**, Reader's Digest special editorial representative for Europe, has been upped to the post of Far Eastern editor and is already in Tokyo. Dennis served in Japan before World War II as a UP correspondent and in 1945 founded the Japanese language edition of the Digest, serving as its general manager until 1950.

BOOKS: **Larry Stessin** and **Ira Wit** in the book shops in February with "The Disloyal Employee," a study of unethical practices in the management hierarchy, covering such acts as embezzlement, moonlighting for competitors and bribe-taking . . . 20th Century-Fox has bought the film rights to **Gerold Frank's** "Boston Strangler." . . . **Otto Scott** is taking a year's leave from his editorship of Rubber World to write (on commission from the company) the corporate history of the Ashland Oil & Refining Co. He will continue to write feature articles and will retain his title and his name

on the magazine's masthead while headquartering at Ashland's Park Avenue offices . . . OPCers **Carl Hartman** and **William L. Ryan** are among the AP's writers represented in its new news annual, "The World in 1966."

RADIO & TV: **Whitman Bassow** is back from Paris, where he wrote the narration for NBC's color documentary on Leningrad . . . **Barry Farber**, already conducting an interview series on WOR five nights a week from 8:15 to 9:00 p.m., taking on an additional seven-nights-a-week broadcast — from 11:15 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. Monday through Friday, and from midnight until 5:00 a.m. Saturdays and Sundays . . . **Samuel J. Kearing, Jr.**, NYC sanitation commissioner, on **Victor Riesel** Interviews on radio station WEVD this week.

SPEAKERS: NBC newsmen **Gabe Pressman** set as a spring lecturer at the New School for Social Research on "The Press and New York Politics." . . . **Amelia Lobsenz** was guest speaker at the January meeting of the Park chapter of the Organization for Rehabilitation Through Training, in Great Neck. . . . **Robert I. Queen** speaking to students in Hotel Technology at NYC Community College about public relations and about his handbook, "Creative PR in Planning Your Special Events." . . . **Kenneth Bernstein**, Moscow bureau chief, and **Irving R. Levine**, Rome bureau chief, were two of the NBC correspondents who spoke to the Foreign Policy Association at its annual luncheon Jan. 5 on "Great Decisions '67." Highlights of the program were aired on NBC the following day.

HONORS: **Dick Stark**, who returned to active duty as a lieutenant colonel with the Marine Corps last March, has

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only transportation to Hanoi is the International Control Commission plane that flies twice a week from Phnom Penh to Hanoi.

Louis Lomax flew from New York City to Phnom Penh for a visa but reports are he is presently in Bangkok.

State Department refuses to list the names of the correspondents who have validation to go to North Viet Nam, but it is a safe guess that they include reporters for *New York Times*, *Newsday*, *Times*, *Washington Post*, *Washington Star*, *Chicago Daily News*, *Time*, *Life*, *US News & World Report*, *Newsweek*, ABC, CBS, NBC, Hearst Newspapers, and other press media.

IN SUSPENSE

The OPC office is still looking for addresses of these members:

*Paul Arnold
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been awarded the Navy Commendation Medal by Secretary of the Navy Paul H. Nitze . . . Interview with **Denny Griswold** on public relations for the PR industry appearing in the Moderator.

RESIGNED: **Sidney B. Kramer**, one of the founders of Bantam Books, as director, senior vice president and secretary of the firm. He will continue to practice law in Westport, Conn., and do some publishing consulting work.

WORKSHOP: In connection with an article by **Ruth Sheldon Knowles** in the current Reader's Digest on "The Three-R War in Viet Nam," a day-long workshop was held at the Club Jan. 13, with correspondents from the 100 largest newspapers in the country invited. Ruth, who spent June, 1966 in Viet Nam for the Digest, is also appearing on "Girl Talk" on ABC Jan. 24 in connection with the article.

MARRIED: NBC correspondent **Ron Nessen** to South Korean singing star Song Young Hi at NY's Carlyle Hotel on Jan. 6 . . . **Daniel Schorr** to Lisbeth Bamberger at the bride's home in Georgetown Jan. 8. She is deputy director of the health division of the Office of Economic Opportunity.

So far State Department spokesman says only two Americans have gained legitimate entrance to North Viet Nam. They are **Harrison Salisbury**, *New York Times*, and Mrs. Robert Thomson, (an American) who went there to search for the body of her Canadian husband, a member of the ICC.

Cuba, Albania, North Korea and Communist China are the other countries where validation is necessary before a newsman can apply for a visa.

The State Department spokesman admitted that names of correspondents receiving validation is public information but preferred to withhold their names from the public.